



Mr. Robert A. Gilmour

December 13, 1944 - November 3, 2021

Robert A. Gilmour, 76, of Peru, passed away on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Born in Los Angeles, CA, on December 13, 1944, the son of the late Leon and Helen Gilmour, he grew up in Burlingame, CA.

He graduated from the University of California at Davis and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. He was an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey. In 1983 he joined the American Institute for Economic Research as a Senior Associate, then Director of Research and Education and in May 1991 became President and CEO. He retired in 2003.

He loved playing golf, especially with his grandson, and enjoyed fishing, boating, hiking and camping.

Robert is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, the former Cathryn Fontana, their daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Brent Hewitt, grandson, Justin J. Hewitt, brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence and Susan Gilmour, nephew, Zachary Gilmour and sister-in-law, Diana Fontana.

Funeral Notice:

At his request, there will be no formal funeral services. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Salvation Army in his memory.

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I'm coming to this quite belatedly, having just seen that Professor Gilmour passed away. He was a powerful influence on me at Princeton: His enthusiasm for using the tools of journalism and anthropology to expand historical exploration opened my eyes to a way of understanding the past and telling stories that helped shape my own career. His work on the history of the American South was revelatory. I will always remember his superb teaching and careful attention to students' written work.

Marc Fisher - June 09 at 02:09 PM

JB

“ Cathy: I am sorry for your loss. I was privileged to work with Bob for several years. I will remember him as an strong, honorable and fiercely independent man, deeply concerned for humanity.

john barry - November 15, 2021 at 04:13 PM

RS

“ I spent many hours with Bob on the golf course. Most were enjoyable, some frustrating. We shared common philosophies, especially political. I will always keep the good memories. Ralph Stall

Ralph Stall - November 14, 2021 at 10:03 AM

RM

“ Cathy. Sorry for your loss. He had a nice family and a wonderful wife. GOD BLESS

Rick Martin

Richard Martin - November 13, 2021 at 11:59 AM